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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

THE PEACE MANOEUVRES.

REPLIES BY TURKEY AND

BULGARIA.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 24.
A message from Vienna states that the Turkish reply to the Pope insists upon the maintenance of full sovereignty of Turkish territory.
The Bulgarian reply supports the principle of nationalities.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

London, Sept. 24.

The Times states that it is not surprised that the Austrian and German replies have disappointed the Vatican. It is indeed, asserted that the replies have been totally reconstructed since the fall of Riga. Universal opinion, including that of the Germans, is struck by the ostentatious silence upon the Pope's concrete suggestions, excepting his reference to the freedom of the seas. The Allies are anxious for peace but are immovable in their conviction that negotiations remain a sham till all the Allied territory is evacuated. "We are going to fight till we get our terms."

The Daily Mail states that the object of the new German manoeuvres is clear. The enemy fears Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's victorious troops, the future appearance of a great American army and the application of commercial and economic pressure.

AMERICAN OPINION.

New York, Sept. 24.

The consensus of editorial opinion in the United States is that the Kaiser's reply is hypocritical and his sentences are designed to cover up the German crimes, also that it is impossible to consider peace while the present German Government endures.

"A WAY OPEN FOR DISCUSSION."

Rome, Sept. 24.

The Osservatore Romano (the Papal organ) is of the opinion that the replies of the Central Powers leave a way open for discussion and that their acceptance of the Pope's terms are clear as can be expected in diplomatic documents.

THE POPE'S NEXT STEP.

Rome, Sept. 24.

The Pope proposes, when the Allies reply to the first, to issue a second Note to the belligerents pointing out the questions on which all are agreed, for instance disarmament and arbitration as facilitating the adjustment of secondary problems.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE RIFLE.

London, Sept. 24.

Reuters' Correspondent at Headquarters reports that after the failure of the counter-attack by the enemy's storm troops, to the north-east of Langemarck, resulting in its severe repulse, the Germans evidently decided to accept the inevitable and not to waste any further infantry against the position now effectively consolidated.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, Sept. 24.

An Italian official message states: "We heavily repulsed an enemy counter-attack in the Marmolada region."
Our aeroplanes dropped four tons of bombs on Orabovo railway station.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMANS REVISING THEIR

TACTICS OF DEFENCE.

ADMISSION OF BRITISH AIR

AND ARTILLERY

SUPERIORITY.

London, Sept. 24.

Reuters' Correspondent at the

French Headquarters writes:—

The terrific British and French bombardments are forcing the German High Command to revise its entire tactics of defence on the West Front.

A recently captured enemy army order, after admitting that the German front lines are regularly battered to pieces by our artillery before the actual battle begins, proceeds to point out that the power of a defensive depends upon the possibility of hiding the means of defence. Trenches, shelters, machine gun emplacements and batteries, once photographed by the British and French airmen, are doomed to certain destruction by their artillery.

Therefore an entirely new system of defence is needed, namely that the zone of defence shall be organised in depth, that is extended towards the rear. Such a system, with the defences hidden as much as possible from enemy observation and the troops echeloned in depth so that their lines which are thin in front become progressively denser to the rear, ought to enable us to pass from the defensive to the offensive with the troops occupying the more thickly held positions in the rear.

The men must abandon the trenches and retire to the shell craters and redoubts held by the machine gunners and arranged in depth like the squares of the same colour on a chess board. The protective capacity of these shell craters will be increased by running little timbered chambers into their sides and, where possible, connecting one shell crater with another by these timbered passages, the essential point being that from above, the fortified shell craters shall be indistinguishable from the thousands of surrounding shell craters.

The importance of the document lies not only in the new tactics prescribed but the frank recognition of the effectiveness of our artillery and especially of our airmen. The axiom from which the order starts, is if a thing can be registered by the airmen's cameras, it will be destroyed. The moral for us is easy to draw.

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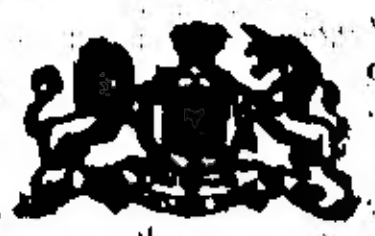
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RICKSHAW COOLIE CHARGED.

Four Chinese yesterday at about 10 minutes past midnight engaged four rickshaws to take them to the Star Ferry from Yau-mat. One of them had \$200 in ten-cent pieces tied up in a handkerchief and this he kept on the seat beside him. When they reached the wharf he got out of the rickshaw, paid his rickshaw coolie and also those of his friends. On turning back to his rickshaw to get his money he found the rickshaw had gone. He gave chase and stopped the coolie at the junction of Salisbury Road and Canton Road. His parcel was no longer on the seat but it was found in the compartment just below the seat. He then gave the defendant in charge.

When charged before Mr. Wood yesterday defendant pleaded not guilty saying he did not know anything about the money.

Mr. Mattingly appeared for the defence.

His Worship adjourned the case to Friday the 28th inst., fixing bail at \$500.

THE HIGHWAYMAN.

Id Mr. Wood's Court yesterday a Chinese was charged with having, in company with another, assaulted a Chinese woman and stolen from her person a pair of gold bangles, valued at \$40, at Yau-mat, on the 23rd inst. Inspector Gerard, prosecuting, stated that defendant and his companion threw pepper into the woman's eyes and then assaulted her. They took off her bangles and made off in the direction of Hung-hom. The woman followed them. Finding they could not get rid of her they took to the hills, where they were finally caught by some gardeners.

The case was remanded.

SPIES' CABLE CODES.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE ON CENSORS' DIFFICULTIES.

Lord Northcliffe, in a statement to the Washington correspondents of the United Press, explained the working of the British Censorship, and added:

"The censorship of private and commercial messages presents the greatest difficulty. It would be easy for a well-informed spy to cable to a neutral country a few domestic or business phrases conveying news of priceless value to the enemy."

"Spies who have been caught, tried, and shot in England have usually been found in possession of what appeared to be business letters. In one case I remember a spy and his accomplices posed as travelling salesmen in French cigars. Various brands of cigars represented certain kinds of ships."

"People are much too prone to consider the newspaper leak, which is open to all eyes, and not to consider the private cable leak, which is the really deadly one. Power to open all overseas mail, such as is possessed by the British Government, is also essential."

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THE SONG OF BOWDY.

[By PATRICK MACGILL.]

Bowdy Benners was a very quiet man, slow of speech and not easily ruffled. Men who did not know him well treated him in rather a casual fashion. In some way they fancied themselves rather superior to him, and when, for instance, he entered a wrestling competition and beat the strong man of the battalion, the onlookers did not give him due credit. "He's a sly dog old Bowdy," they said, and were in some way annoyed because Bowdy, up till then, had never openly avowed his physical prowess. Rumours about him were rife. There is a tenet of discipline which ordains that a soldier whether he requires it or not shall go through the action of shaving daily, and it was said that the conscientious Bowdy, who in ordinary life shaved only twice a week, went through the action of shaving a hairless chin five mornings of the week. . . . Now, Spudhole Bubb, who belonged to the same platoon as Bowdy, was a man of different metal. He had no great love for discipline and vowed that men who obeyed military orders to the letter were humbugs. "Fightin' as what I like," Spudhole often remarked. "No bloomin' rules about that. You see your man and you go for him, and no bloomin' sergeant behind your back shoutin' 'Left! parry! Point!' But when you meet the sergeant on parade next day you'll be damned lucky if he's not runnin' you into elink for a dirty bayonet."

That was Spudhole, a man pious apart from Bowdy. Spudhole could swear with inspired abandon, but Bowdy had only one oath to his credit. This was "Devil blow me blind!" How he managed to acquire this expressive phrase was a mystery. When he gave vent to it he spoke in a hesitating voice, as if apologizing for his moral depravity. But it came to pass that in spite of his slow and easy way and his indifference to the society of anyone, the men of the platoon gradually came to like Bowdy. And once they came to like him they loved him for good; for the friend slow to make is a lasting friend.

But one day, with dramatic suddenness, Bowdy became "everyone's friend." It almost seemed as if he had bided his time and waited for a fitting occasion to make his worth manifest. It happened in this way. He was billeted with his platoon in a village near the firing line. The Germans shelled the place at intervals and stray bullets were continually rapping on the cobblestones of the street. The platoon was billeted in a high barn over a stable and the only exit was through a door in the wall. From this door to the ground stretched a ladder which the men had to make use of when going out or coming in.

On this day the Germans started shelling at eleven in the morning; an unusual hour for the "strafe" generally started at noon. The first shell hit the ladder and smashed it to smithereens. The men could not get out now. To add to the predicament a draft newly out was in the barn and the "rockies" were not yet used to the ways of war. To make matters worse one of them was hit on the leg with a splinter of wood.

"I'll bind up your wound," said Spudhole Bubb, who was an adept in the art of bandaging. "The rest of you blokes keep quiet. The shells won't come this way no more. That one is all the Germans will send."

As if to give the lie to his remark, a second shell burst on a house near at hand, and a thousand flying tiles rattled on the roof of the barn. It was a bad time for the newly-out and even the older soldiers were discomfited. It was then that Bowdy Benners came to the rescue. Rising from the floor on which he was sitting cleaning his rifle with an oily rag, he stepped out into the middle of the apartment, lit a cigarette, puffed a whiff of smoke into the air and called out in a cool voice:

"Come, boys, let's have a song!"

He began the song in a deep baritone voice. None of the men had ever heard him sing before.

"There was a man and he had two sons and these two sons were brothers. John Andrew was the name of one and Andrew John the other."

Sing, brethren, sing.

He repeated the first two lines. Spudhole and another man were the only ones who joined in. The "rockies" were listening to the shell splinters striking on the roof. Bowdy continued:

"Now these two brothers had a coat. They bought it on a Monday."

John Andrew wore it all the week and Andrew John on Sunday.

Sing, brethren, sing.

Half a dozen other men joined in now. The "rockies" were at yet silent. Their eyes were better fastened on

Bowdy. "They'll forget the shells in a minute," the singer thought and went on.

"Now both these brothers bought a horse, and it was poor and thin. They took it to the riverside and shoved the poor thing in."

Sing, brethren, sing.

Some of the "rockies" joined in now, and one of them, the man who was wounded, laughed outright. When Spudhole said, "damned thing" for "poor thing," Bowdy took another puff from his cigarette and went on with increasing energy, moving just a trifle to one side as a broken tile fell on the floor near him.

Now both these brothers died one day through eating fish and jelly.

John Andrew with a pain in his back and Andrew John his stomach.

Sing, brethren, sing.

None could resist now. All joined in and got the correct rhyme. Spudhole jumped to his feet and started to dance jig, only stopping short when Bowdy burst into song again.

And both these brothers now are dead.

I'm sure we wish them well—

John Andrew he has gone to heaven and Andrew John—as well.

Sing, brethren, sing.

No stanza reached the volume and intensity of the last. All were unanimous, even the "rockies" in asserting that the two brothers were separated in the life hereafter.

"Amen," sang Bowdy in a deep solemn voice.

"Amen," chanted the barn.

The shelling's at an end, now."

Bowdy remarked as he went back to his rifle and oil rag. "It's just the ordinary strafe."

Bowdy's song is very popular now, and it is often sung by the men marching up and down the roads of France. But to the men who sing it the song is not half as wonderful as the story of the day on which it was first sung.

THE SHROPSHIRE.

SENT TO FRANCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons on August 1 Sir C. S. Henry asked the Under-Secretary of State for War, if he would state the reason why the 14th King's Shropshire Light Infantry, which arrived in England at the end of the previous week, was immediately ordered to embark for France; whether, taking into consideration that this battalion of the Territorial Force had nearly three years' service in the Far East, he would explain why, before proceeding to France, all ranks were not granted leave in order to visit their homes and families; if he was aware that the officers proceeded to France without the necessary kit for service in that country, and if arrangements would be made that units or drafts coming from the East shall not be sent to France without first being granted reasonable leave.

Mr. Macpherson: The services of these men were urgently required in France, and it was merely by accident that they touched at a British port. I can afford the suggestion of the hon. member, if adopted, would lead to considerable delay before the service of units which might be urgently required could be utilised, and it would also lead to an increased use of shipping.

Sir C. S. Henry: Is the hon. gentleman aware of the dissatisfaction and discontent that have been caused by this action, and in the circumstances will he not make representations that members of this battalion should be granted leave?

Sir C. S. Henry: Is the hon. gentleman aware that this battalion has been all over the world almost, and that none of the officers or men has received any leave for three years, and will he take that into consideration?

Mr. Macpherson: I will certainly take all these facts, which have been quite properly put to me, into consideration in any representations which I may make; but I would like to assure the House that the War Office is sympathetic to regiments who have been for such long periods on consecutive service, but the case of men who have been in France and then in Gallipoli, Egypt, and Mesopotamia is even harder.

Sir C. S. Henry: Can the hon. gentleman give this assurance, that when a battalion of men have served abroad for some years and arrive in this country preparatory to being sent to France they will be given leave before they are actually sent to France?

Mr. Macpherson: I cannot promise that, because if a particular battalion is asked for in any theatre of war for an urgent purpose I could not promise to delay it being sent by giving leave to individual members of the battalion.

Sir C. S. Henry: Did they sail to France in their colonial kit, or did they receive European kit before they arrived?

Mr. Macpherson: I cannot answer that because it was not put to me definitely. All I know is that this battalion was transferred from one particular theatre of war to France, and that it was by a mere accident that the vessel called at an English port. Otherwise they would have gone direct to France.

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AL FRESCO FETE

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF Society of St. Vincent de Paul to be held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral on SUNDAY, 30th Sept., 1917 from 9 P.M. to 11.30 P.M.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir E. H. MAY, K.C.M.G.

Admission Ticket \$1, which is entitled to a Souvenir on its presentation at the Souvenir Pavilion (in the evening of the Fete only).
Tea, Cakes, and Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and night.

Tickets can be obtained from to-day at Messrs. GRACE & CO., No. 4 Wyndham Street, and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Compound on Sunday, 30th September, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and at the various stalls will be open for inspection by the public from 2 to 5 p.m. on 30th September.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

5.30 p.m.—H.K. St. Andrew's Society's Meeting.
6.15 p.m.—Open Air Concert at Helena May Institute.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Sept. 27.—
Settlement Day: Hongkong Stock Exchange.
12.15 p.m.—Union Insurance Society's Extra General Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Goods at Kowloon Godowns.
5.30 p.m.—Kowloon Cricket Club's Annual General Meeting.
THURS. 27, FRI. 28 & SAT. 29 Sept.—
V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.
SATURDAY, Sept. 29.—
Michaelmas Day.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Drugs, Chemicals, Hospital Sundries, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's.
Noon.—Douglas Steamship Co's. Meeting.
SUNDAY, Sept. 30.—
9 p.m.—Al Fresco Fete at the R. C. Cathedral.
MONDAY, Oct. 1.—
1.31 a.m.—Full Moon.
October Criminal Sessions commence.
Opening Day of Sale of Work at French Convent, Causeway Bay.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Two Hand Printing Presses, Wood Axes, Axes, Hoes, Cooking Utensils, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's.
2 p.m.—Queen's College Aquatic Sports at V.R.C.
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.
MONDAY, Oct. 8.—
General Holiday.
TUESDAY, Oct. 9.—
4.40 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Scotsmen are reminded of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Meeting to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

An open-air concert will be held in the grounds of the Helena May Institute to-morrow evening commencing at 8.15.

The only cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were three of enteric fever, two proving fatal. All were Chinese.

A theft of \$2,000 in Singapore notes has been reported to the police by the chief officer of a.s. Van Wierwille. Some person or persons are stated to have entered the office of the Circumlocution Office which Dickens derided sixty years ago still persist.

The annual Al Fresco Fete in aid of the Funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday next, from 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., under the patronage of H.E. the Governor. Particulars will be found in the announcement in our advertisement columns.

The Queen's College Annual Aquatic Sports will be held at the V.R.C. on Monday, October 1st, commencing at 2 p.m. The Annual Invitation Team Race for Schools in the Colony will be the "bit-bit" of the meeting and rumour has it that the present holders of the Cup will have to hand it over to a new team. Mrs. W. G. Litt will present the prizes.

It seems that a number of persons do not understand the clause in the Prospectus of the Drawing of War Bonds for "Our Day" reading "No ticket having drawn a prize will be eligible to draw any other prize." The explanation is that tickets are being sold in series—the first series being from A to Z. Each series contain a like number of tickets. "Supposing that prize No. 3 is drawn by series "M" ticket 151, "M" would go back into the letter cylinder to do duty for all the rest of the "M" series, and "151" would go back in the number cylinder to do duty for all the other letter series, and this combination "M 151" could therefore conceivably come up again, in which case it would not win a prize because it had won already.

THE DOLLAR DIRECTORY OF HONGKONG.

We have been favoured with a specimen copy of the new Hongkong Dollar Directory compiled by Mr. J. Flynn Anderson. It is certainly an excellent production and the wonder is how it is possible to produce it at the price. The book is in five sections. The first contains miscellaneous local information; the second gives information of the Government departments and Clubs; Section III contains a list of firms, including the principal Chinese firms, together with a list of local ships and their officers; Section IV is a "Who's Who" which includes roughly the names of 3,500 persons, and the final section is a Home List, giving the private addresses of residents.

The Directory appears to have been compiled with the greatest care and is certainly the most complete local Directory ever published in the Colony, and the compiler is to be sincerely congratulated upon the success of his effort. Messrs. Kelly and Walsh Ltd. printed the book.

"OUR DAY."

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Approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 22nd Sept.

	Receipts for week	Receipts for 28 weeks
This year	14,080	613,655
Last year	12,970	555,208
Increase	1,110	
Decrease		41,554

Engineer-Commander W. N. MacDonald, one of the victims of the Yangtze disaster, had completed nearly twenty-two years naval service, a large portion of which was passed in the Far East. His first ship was the Narcissus, and he was at Hongkong in 1907-10, and again in 1913-14, when he was appointed to the Triumph.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

[BY "SCRUTATOR"]

No readjustment of the pay of the Service men has yet been announced, but it would be a mistake to assume that the matter, which has been so urgently pressed from Hongkong, has been pigeon-holed with all the sublime disregard that some of the writers of letters to the papers have attributed to the "tin gods" at Whitehall. Some definite reply must come to the requests that have gone home, and that it has not come yet is simply another illustration that all the old traditions of the Circumlocution Office which Dickens derided sixty years ago still persist.

"Circumlocution" is doubtless the explanation of the delay. The War Office has to consult with the India Office. Then the Admiralty is also concerned in the general question; and so also is the Foreign Office, for all the Consular Staff in China have the same grievance as the Army and Navy men, and all pay is disbursed, I believe, through the one office in Hongkong.

One can but faintly imagine the circumlocution involved in a consideration of a matter of this sort by public offices where the day is so divided and subdivided that the simplest process has to pass through a whole series of officials. A round-table conference of representatives of all branches of the administration concerned would decide in half an hour to remedy the grievance immediately, but when such a matter as this is dealt with by the traditional method of minutes from one official to another and so on through a whole series of officials in the same office, and then by formal correspondence between one department and another, each with its series of officials through whose hands the matter has to pass—such a process might defer a final decision till Doomsday. But in view of all that has been done to impress on the authorities and the public at home the extremely serious nature of the grievance, it is surprising that something has not happened to interrupt this leisurely circumlocutory process and to bring about a prompt decision.

It has been suggested to me that there is one little way in which the Government could help the men of the local garrison and that is by letting them do the night guards which are now done by men of the Defence Corps, and paying them what these guards now actually cost to maintain. The local men would readily sacrifice the "enjoyment" they now derive from these duties, and even willingly pay something for the privilege of making the sacrifice.

The attempt which is about to be made by the Government to suppress the chit system is naturally much discussed. The Bill proposes to prohibit the sale, except for cash, of intoxicating liquors to be consumed on any licensed premises, unless such is to a resident at an hotel, or is for liquor to be consumed a bona fide meal at an hotel or restaurant. The statement of "Objects and reasons" attached to the Bill, supplies no reasons whatever for the measure. The chit system which obtains throughout the East has its advantages, and also its disadvantages, and so far as its disadvantages are concerned the Bill which is to be introduced in the Legislative Council touches but the outer fringe of the whole question. A statement of the reasons for this Bill will be awaited with a good deal of curiosity by the general public.

Few people, I fancy, will disagree with the decision of the "Our Day" Committee to run a raffle for War Bonds, but our Gambling Ordinance evidently needs amendment. The definition of a "lottery" must be altered. The present definition says the term "includes any game, method or device whereby money or money's worth is distributed or allotted in any manner depending upon or to be determined by chance or lot or the result of any race or contest, whether the same is held, drawn, exercised or managed within or without the Colony."

H. E. the Governor says the "Our Day" drawing for War Bonds differs from "that obnoxious method of gambling, called a lottery." It is not a lottery in the sense in which the term lottery is used; it is a drawing of War Bonds.

European Premium Bonds. Every body probably is aware of the system which applies to Premium Bonds. You purchase your bonds, on which a small annual interest is paid, and you get the chance of your bond being drawn in the half yearly drawings, with a more or less substantial bonus in the form of a prize. The money invested is not lost. In the most "unlucky" event your bonds are redeemed eventually at their face value. The Law Officers of the Government gave it as their opinion that this was an "obnoxious method of gambling called a lottery," and in deference to that opinion the advertisement contracts were cancelled.—*Perh sap.*

The Committee appear very modest in their estimate of the probable sale of tickets for the War Loan drawing. In Singapore, notwithstanding that Penang and the Federated Malay States have what they frankly call their own War Loan Lotteries, the committee reckon on a sale of 100,000 tickets at \$10 each. In Hongkong the committee reckon on a sale of only 10,000 at \$5—or, at least, a drawing to that amount is guaranteed, which is perhaps quite a different thing to estimating that the drawing will not be larger.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

["Chinese Mail" Service.]

THE PROPOSED WARRANT FOR SUN YAT SEN.

PEKING, VIA SHANGHAI, Sept. 24. With regard to the High Procurator's proposal, to prosecute the Kwangtung Military Governor, owing to the advice of two Cabinet Ministers who advocate carefulness, the matter has now been temporarily postponed.

THE PROPOSED PROVISIONAL SENATE.

It is reported that a mandate will be issued immediately, summoning a Provisional Senate without awaiting a reply from the South West.

MARTIAL LAW AT CHANGSHA.

A telegram from Hunan to the Government states that Changsha is under martial law and the First Battalion from the Eighth Division has entered the City from Yochow.

AN ISSUE OF DOMESTIC BONDS.

The Ministry of Finance will issue Sixth Year Fiscal Domestic six per cent. Bonds, amounting to 24,000,000.

THE EXPORT OF SILVER.

Owing to the criticism by the foreign banks at Shanghai the prohibition of the export of silver has been postponed for the time being.

FLOODS IN THE NORTH.

The flood at Tientsin has risen twelve feet and several godowns have been flooded.

The flooding of the Yangtze river is also threatening Loongwongchuan, and probably the Tientsin Railway will be interrupted.

IMPORT DUTIES.

The Cabinet has decided to raise the import tariff on goods from countries with non-treaty relations to 20 per cent., and also to levy a 60 per cent. duty on goods not listed in the Customs tables.

A FINANCIAL COUNCIL.

The Ministry of Finance, yesterday, held an ordinary Financial Council to discuss preparations for the abolition of Hkin and to increase the duty.

PROPOSED GOLD STANDARD.

Liang Kai Chiu, Minister of Finance, proposes adopting a nominal gold standard and will submit the proposal to the Cabinet for discussion.

PRESIDENT AND CONFUCIUS.

Early yesterday morning the President personally offered sacrifices to Confucius, and made three bows.

THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Li Yuan Hung states that he is not willing to return to Peking; therefore the Government is sending Wong Tai Sit and Chang Kowk Kam to Tientsin to endeavour to persuade the ex-President to change his decision.

"Profiteering" is to be sternly suppressed in the United States, and the Government are not hesitating to tackle the most powerful concerns. The United States Steel Corporation are being required to reduce their prices for steel for Government purposes from \$13 a ton to \$11 1/2 per ton. In the absence of a satisfactory agreement the Federal Trade Commission will be asked to fix the price.

Another big Clyde shipbuilding extension is reported to be under consideration at present, i.e., that Messrs. Harland and Wolff will purchase the controlling interest in the shipbuilding yards of Barclay, Curle and Co., Glasgow and Co., both on the Clyde. If these negotiations are carried through, this would make the firm the most important of its kind in the United Kingdom; as it already possesses yards at Belfast, Southampton, Bootle, Govan, Greenock, and Irvine.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON PEAK TRAMWAY CO.

SIR EDWARD CHAMIER GIVES EVIDENCE.

A Chinese ticket collector named Ah Lok was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with receiving and keeping a certain sum of money for and in account of Peak Tramway Co., and fraudulently embezzling same, and also with converting to his own use the said sum which had been entrusted to him as a servant of the Company.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. Shenton appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Leo d'Almada defended. The case for the prosecution was Defendant had sold a ticket over again and converted the money to his own use. It could not have been a mistake because his returns for that day were quite correct and showed neither deficit nor increase.

Sir Edward Chamier, Chief Justice of the High Court at Patna, India, giving evidence said he landed at Hongkong on the 15th instant. On the 18th inst. he took a tram up to the Peak at 9 o'clock in the evening. He distinctly remembered the time because he saw the conductor sitting on a bench smoking, watching for the signal to depart. He paid 30 cents to a ticket collector—

and received a 30 cents ticket in return. On his way down he paid 20 cents for a ticket. He asked the man, why he charged only 20 cents whereas the other fellow with whom he had gone up charged 30 cents. He could not understand the reply given and on the following day, the 19th inst. he wrote a letter to the manager of Peak Tramway Co., regarding the matter and enclosed the two tickets he received on the previous day.

Cross examined by Mr. d'Almada, Sir Edward said he had taken the back seat of the car to get a view of the harbour. This was his first visit to Hongkong. He received two tickets but was unable to identify them.

The next witness, Ah Long, a ticket collector of the Company, giving evidence said it was the duty of ticket collectors to make a return of the tickets sold whenever they went off duty. The first ticket that was sold on 15th September was ticket No. 14039. According to his book the 2nd class tickets sold on that day numbered 14039 to 14043. He was on duty on the 14th, 15th and 16th instant and his returns were quite correct in every detail. The signatures on the books were his.

His Worship remanded the case to Monday next.

CHAUFFEUR CHARGED.

The Chauffeur of Dr. Strahan was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with driving his car in Bowen Road on the 12th instant. Defendant pleaded guilty and after hearing the evidence His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

COAL.

A coal coolie was brought up before Mr. Wood this morning on the charge of unlawful possession of 153 lbs. of coal reasonably suspected of being stolen.

Defendant pleaded not guilty saying he had been engaged to carry the coal for another Chinese. He did not attempt to run away when accosted by the Indian constable.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship fined the defendant \$3 or seven days' hard labour.

OPIUM FOR HIS GRAND UNCLE.

A Chinese carpenter was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 29.4 taels of prepared opium other than Government opium.

Defendant stated that he received a letter from his grand uncle asking him to get some opium. His uncle was in the country. He had come from Singapore where he had bought the opium. He had been searched by a revenue officer at Lee Kee wharf and the opium was found on his person.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2,000 with the alternative of nine months' hard labour.

ANOTHER HUNGRY MAN.

Lieut. Quartermaster McConnell of the 74th Punjabis charged a coolie with trespassing on Military grounds at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

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SUMMARY COURT.

A PARTNERSHIP TANGLE.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Sam Wo Shing firm claimed from Ma Kwong Kut and Wan Kwong, alias Wan Woon Nam, the sum of \$93.22, being balance due for labour and materials supplied.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared for the plaintiff firm and Mr. Bulmer Johnson for the defendants.

Mr. d'Almada stated that the two partners of the plaintiff firm came to him and instructed him to write to the defendants for payment of the amount being sued for, both partners stating that they had not received the money.

The first partner in the plaintiff firm stated from the witness box that he had not been paid and denied all knowledge of a receipt signed by the second partner, which was produced by Mr. Johnson.

The second partner, from the witness box, admitted that he gave the receipt and that he had received payment. He denied that at a later date than that stated on the receipt, he went, in company with the first partner, to Mr. d'Almada's office and instructed that a letter should be sent to defendant demanding payment or that he swore in front of Mr. d'Almada that he had not received the money.

Mr. Johnson then submitted to his Lordship that he was entitled to judgment. What the partners did amongst themselves had nothing to do with his client.

His Lordship said that if there had been a conspiracy between the defendant and the second partner to defraud the first partner, further evidence should be taken and he could not give judgment at that stage.

Mr. Johnson submitted that since his receipt was acknowledged and the payment had been admitted, that proved itself.

His Lordship:—"Nothing proved itself, except the Government Gazette and one or two other things"—(laughter).

Mr. d'Almada said that he would go into the witness box and swear that the two partners came to his office and swore that the money had not been paid.

The defendant stated from the witness box that he received a letter from the plaintiff firm asking for a settlement of their account. He replied by asking for particulars. The reason he did not state in his reply that he had paid the money and held a receipt was that he wished to give the plaintiffs as much trouble as possible.

Mr. d'Almada:—"Oh, you wished to give my clients as much trouble, and make them incur as much money as possible in this case?"

Witness:—"It costs me money as well."

Mr. Johnson thereupon explained to his Lordship that this was the culminating action of a series of actions in which his client had been "shot at" time after time, and he naturally wanted to "get a bit of his own back."

His Lordship then gave judgment for defendant with costs.

His Lordship then said that he desired Mr. d'Almada to go into the witness box and prove that the partners instructed that a letter should be written to the defendant, as he wished to find out which of the two partners should pay the costs.

Mr. d'Almada then gave the evidence required and His Lordship decided that the second partner should pay the costs.

It was stated that defendant was formerly employed in the Barracks as a sweeper but had been discharged. When an Indian lance-naiik saw defendant he ordered the latter to clear out but defendant turned round and threw stones at him.

Defendant pleaded guilty, saying he went to the barracks to beg for bread as he was hungry.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5 with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

THE DISAPPEARING TRICK.

An unemployed Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of one brass coupling valued at \$3. The property of the Star Ferry Co. Defendant pleaded guilty saying he had no money to buy food. It was stated that defendant was a passenger on the Star Ferry launch yesterday. The launch engineer was drying a hose in the engine room and when he went down into the engine room he saw the hose going up. He came on deck to investigate and caught defendant in the act of putting into his pocket the brass coupling he had cut from the hose.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

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Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, 27th September, at 5 p.m. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All chawd and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 1st October at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 11th October, 1917.

T. DAIGO, Agent.

Hongkong, Sept. 21, 1917. 2125

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship.

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
HAWAII MARU	Wednesday, 26th Sept. at Noon.
CANADA MARU	Tuesday, 30th Oct. at 3 p.m.
PANAMA MARU	Saturday, 27th Oct. at 3 p.m.

FORMOSAN LINE.—For Tamsui, Keelung, Anping and Takao, via

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STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
SUNSHU MARU	Thursday, 27th Sept. at 10 a.m.
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	WED. DAY, Sept. 26, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	WOSANG	SATURDAY, Sept. 29, Daylight.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Sept. 29, at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	SUNDAY, Sept. 30, at 7 a.m.
MANILA	YUNTSANG	SATURDAY, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m.

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SEIYU MARU	22,000	23rd November.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, CHI & YOKOHAMA	SINABA MARU, Capt. Higo, Tons 12,500	MONDAY, 28th Oct. at Noon.
	YOKOHAMA MARU, Capt. Terada, Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 24th Oct. at Noon.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
KOBE	HIRANO MARU, Capt. Fraser, Tons 12,000	THURSDAY, 27th Sept. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SEAGA MARU, Capt. Komatsubara, Tons 12,500	SATURDAY, 10th Oct. at 11 a.m.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
KOBE	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. Kawai, Tons 8,000	FRIDAY, 5th Oct.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	JINSEN MARU, Capt. Suito, Tons 2,000	MONDAY, 1st Oct.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
LONDON Via SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, DELAGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN AND MADEIRA		
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.

By Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

REVIEW MEMBERS.
The members of the Corps will be reviewed on all parades and duties on 25th and 26th September.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES.

Thursday, 27th inst.—
5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Gun numbers as detailed at Belcher's Battery).

Friday, 28th inst.—
5.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Gun numbers as detailed at Belcher's Battery).

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Lays and Sappers' class only) at Belcher's Battery.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

24th to 26th September, 1917.—Stability E.L. Van der Meer at Belcher's and Lays and Sappers' class only.

PARADES.

Engine drivers 6 p.m. Electricians 6.15 p.m.

EXAMINATIONS.
Examinations for 1st riding will take place at Belcher's on Friday, 28th inst., at 6.30 p.m. under Captain Russell, Lieut. Stevenson and 2nd Lieut. Brown.

2nd Lieut. Hill will examine 1st ratings at (Victoria on 24th and 25th inst., at 6.30 p.m.).

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES.
Will be held at Belcher's at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday for skilled and superior ratings, under Sergeant Major Brandy R.E., Staff Sergeant Parsons, R.E., Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal North.

H.A.D.C.
The Chief Engineer directs that Lieut. Stevenson take over the duties of O.L.V. D.E.L. Stevenson and 2nd Lieut. Brown the duties of O.L.V. D.E.L. Stevenson, during the absence of the latter.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.
Wednesday, 26th inst.—
5 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course. Dress, Drill order with two small pouches.

Thursday, 27th inst.—
5 p.m.—Machine Gun Company members as detailed at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m.—Mounted Section on Cricket Ground (all mounted). Tests of Elementary Training. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

5.30 p.m.—Signalling Section "B" and "C" classes (except Right Half Section) at Headquarters. Dress, Drill order.

5.30 p.m.—New members of "D" Company (joined since 1.9.17) at Headquarters. Lecture on Care of Arms, by 2nd Corporal Edmunds.

Friday, 28th inst.—
5 p.m.—Machine Gun Company members as detailed at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

5.30 p.m.—Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground, under C. S. M. Mitchell, Corporal Grimes, Edgemoor and Meade. Dress, Drill order.

5.30 p.m.—Signalling Section "A" Class (except Right Half Section) at Happy Valley. Station work. Dress, Drill order.

5.30 p.m.—Signalling Section (Right Half Section) on Murray Parade Ground. Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises.

MEMBERSHIP.
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DETAILS.
On duty from the morning of Sunday, 22nd to the morning of Sunday, 30th September, members of the Corps assigned to "A" Company, H.K.V.C.

On duty 30th September—Mounted Section.

On duty 1st October—Machine Gun "C" Company.

On duty 2nd October—Machine Gun "C" Company.

On duty 3rd October—"A" Company.

On duty 4th October—"A" Company.

On duty 5th October—"A" Company.

On duty 6th October—"A" Company.

On duty 7th October—"A" Company.

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On duty 10th October—"A" Company.

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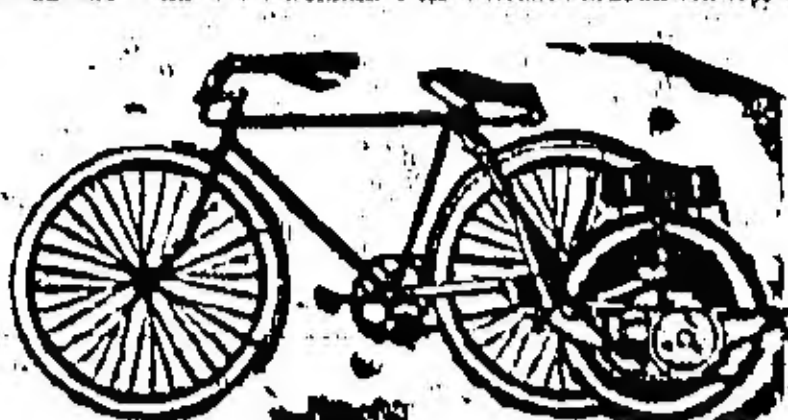
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One hour, ... 15 "

Every subsequent hour, ... 10 "

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One hour, ... 35 "

Two hours, ... 50 "

Three hours, ... 65 "

Four hours, ... 80 "

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WEATHER REPORT.

September 25th 11h. 35m.—No returns from Japan. Pressure has increased slightly at Weibaiwei, and decreased slightly elsewhere; it remains highest over S. Manchuria. A trough of low pressure now extends from the Annam coast across the Philippines into the Pacific.

Moderate to fresh monsoon will continue along the China coast and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 75.81 inches, against an average of 74.23 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 26th September:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Sept., 1917:—

Date. Ends. Begins.

Sept. 25th, 6.1 a.m. 6.30 p.m.

26th, 6.2 " 6.29 "

27th, 6.2 " 6.28 "

28th, 6.2 " 6.27 "

29th, 6.2 " 6.25 "

30th, 6.2 " 6.24 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1917.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer at Sea Level. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force. Weather.

Wienstock 6 a.m. 30.06 75 98 100 1 b

Alcock 6 a.m. 30.06 75 98 100 1 b

Hakodate 6 a.m. 30.06 75 98 100 1 b

Tokyo 6 a.m. 30.06 75 98 100 1 b

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SEPTEMBER 25th, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value. Quotations 11.30 A.M. Last Dividend and date. Approximate extra called on last year's div.

BANKS.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank \$845 b. 550 \$860 sa. Interim of 22-3/4 a/c 1917. 61 p.c.

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Cantons \$50 \$320 \$7 final making \$25 a/c 1915 and Interim of \$15 a/c 1916. 7 p.c.

North China \$25 T. 110 div. of 15 % = 15% at 3/8 5/16, \$4.25 per share a/c 1916. 81 p.c.

Union \$100 \$770 a. Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 a/c 1915 and Interim of \$30 a/c 1916. 7 p.c.

Yangtze \$60 \$190 \$15 making \$21 for 1915 and special of \$3 on account 1916. 11 p.c.

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fire \$20 \$130 \$7 and bonus \$2 for 1915. 61 p.c.

Hongkong Fire \$50 \$290 b. \$27 for 1915. 81 p.c.